

evaporate and some are even being forced to go back to work after retirement.

It is even more important now than ever to help Americans squeeze every penny out of their retirement investments.

I hope we will pass this important legislation and empower Americans to make the most of their hard earned savings.

CONGRATULATING AIRCRAFT  
OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res 472, a resolution to congratulate the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association on their seventieth anniversary, and speak to their dedication to general aviation, to safety, and the important contribution general aviation provides to the United States.

The AOPA was established seventy years ago, on the eve of World War II. This nonprofit association has been dedicated to general aviation, improving general aviation safety, providing pilots with training, education and advocating on their behalf at every level of government.

More than 75% of all flights in the United States are general aviation. America relies on general aviation for business, medical delivery services, sightseeing and for just plain fun and a love of flying.

General aviation is a vital industry in America's economy. Currently there are 19,000 airports nationwide that provide jobs for 1.3 million Americans and bring in more than \$100 billion dollars annually.

After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the AOPA responded by partnering with the TSA to develop a nationwide Airport Watch Program that uses pilots as eyes and ears for observing and reporting suspicious activity.

Flight Safety has remained a principal focus for the AOPA, so they have supported new technologies to make aviation safer. AOPA was a principle advocate of the GPS navigation systems which helped lead the way for the Next Gen Air Transportation System—with aviation-specific applications and advanced innovations such as weather forecasting.

And today, the AOPA represents more than 289,000 American general aviation pilots—including my husband who is a long time member. He started flying when he was a fighter pilot in Vietnam, and now we fly an RV-8, which he built in our garage.

I am proud to support the resolution to honor the AOPA for the commendable work they do in the aviation field.

Their dedication to aviation, aviation safety, training general aviation pilots, and to new technologies makes me proud to support this association.

Congratulations on your first 70 years.

HONORING VICTORIA HAYES FOR  
HER APPOINTMENT TO THE  
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE  
ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young woman from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished herself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving her country. I am proud to announce that Victoria Hayes from Acworth, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

For the past year, Victoria has attended New Mexico Institute in Roswell, N.M., which is the prep school for the Merchant Marine Academy. Victoria has worked very hard during her year in prep school and the results speak for themselves. Before the prep school, Victoria attended East Paulding County High School. Victoria was very involved with the East Paulding band program, and has continued to excel in music at the Merchant Marine prep school—participating in the marching, concert, and regimental bands. She also has the honor of being a Silver Taps bugler.

Victoria Hayes is an incredibly well-rounded young woman, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate her for an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Victoria as well as her parents, William and Mary Ellen Hayes, for her accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Victoria that America has the finest military in the world. Our nation is fortunate to have her service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, on June 8, 2009, I missed rollcall votes 311, 312, and 313 due to family reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of those votes.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
SANTOS CRESPO, JR.

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Santos Crespo, Jr., a visionary leader in New York City's labor community.

Santos Crespo, Jr. was first introduced to the labor movement at the age of 10, when his father, a delegate and executive board member of Local 6, H.E.R.E. (Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union) brought him to meetings where he witnessed the struggles non-unionized employees must endure.

Santos Crespo, Jr. began community organizing at the age of 14 and was recognized by the late W. H. Booth, Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights under then Mayor John Lindsay. He was a founding member of the Black and Puerto Rican Student Union at Bronx Community College and was instrumental in introducing Black and Puerto Rican Studies there. He has received numerous awards, was named by the Daily News Viva as one of New York City's Influential Latinos, and has also served in numerous committees related to youth and substance abuse prevention and intervention.

Santos Crespo, Jr. is currently the Executive Vice President of the New York City Board of Education Employees Union, Local 372, DC 37, AFSCME, the largest local (26,000 members) within DC 37 and also serves as one of DC 37's Vice Presidents. He is also a member of the New York City Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), serves on its Executive Board, and also serves on the Executive Board of the national LCLAA, representing 1.4 million Latino Trade Unionists. He is also a member of many other labor organizations such as the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) along with civil rights organizations including the Congress for Puerto Rican Rights and the New York NAACP.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Santos Crespo, Jr., a champion of New York City's many labor causes.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Santos Crespo, Jr.

CONGRATULATING DANA WYGLE,  
RECIPIENT OF THE AHWATUKEE  
FOOTHILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2009 WOMEN IN BUSINESS  
SCHOLARSHIP

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the achievements of Dana Wygle, who is the recipient of the 2009 Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce Women in Business \$1,000 Scholarship. The Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber recently honored Dana at the Ahwatukee Women in Business Faces of Success event, which recognizes present and future businesswomen.

Dana recently graduated from Desert Vista High School. An active and involved student, she also worked at Barro's Pizza throughout high school. Dana danced, served as a team captain for the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Relay for Life in 2008 and 2009, and was a member of DECA, a student business organization. She plans to use the scholarship award to attend the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. Her goal is to own and operate a sports bar.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dana Wygle for her accomplishments and wishing her the best in all her future endeavors.

## A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY DEE CLARK

**HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize Jimmy Dee Clark for his dedication to the 19th Congressional District of Texas. Jimmy retires this month after 23 years of continuous service to the district.

Born to Leeman and Frances Clark on December 12, 1945, Jimmy was raised on a farm in Acuff, Texas. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1964 and just two years later, he married his childhood sweetheart, Rita Dunagan. After 20 years of running his family farm, Jimmy began an additional career in public service.

In 1986, my predecessor in Congress, Larry Combest, hired Jimmy as a district representative. As Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee in the 106th and 107th Congresses, Mr. Combest greatly shaped farm policy in this country, and Jimmy brought indispensable insight as a liaison between the farmers and ranchers of the 19th District and their representative. Jimmy was instrumental in helping Chairman Combest shepherd the 2002 Farm Bill through Congress.

Following Chairman Combest's retirement in 2003, Jimmy came to work for me as my District Director and Deputy Chief of Staff. Jimmy's experience and counsel have made him an invaluable asset to my staff. Most notable, however, is Jimmy's ability to relate to his fellow farmers in West Texas and to help ensure I understand their business, their concerns and their role in District 19's economy. Again, Jimmy's guidance and his role as the voice of the farmers of my district were essential in helping me during the 2008 Farm Bill.

Jimmy is also a strong Christian and family man. He and Rita have two daughters, Jill and Randee, and five grandchildren: Caden, Kacie, Josh, Steffanie, and Gabbie, that I know he will now get to spend more time with. A 32nd degree Mason, Jimmy's public service has reached more than just the farmers in West Texas. He has served as a past member and Commander of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Reserve. A licensed pilot, Jimmy's hobbies include flying and home remodeling.

I am enormously appreciative to Jimmy for his hard work and for his contributions to improving the course of agriculture policy in the United States and in West Texas. More important, I am proud to count him as a friend. Those in District 19, including myself, thank him for a job well-done and extend to him our best wishes for his retirement.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NORMAN BRINKER

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of restaurateur Norman Brinker.

Brinker, the chairman emeritus and former chief executive of Brinker International, died June 9th at the age of 78.

Brinker, the founder of Steak and Ale restaurant in 1966, built Brinker International into a restaurant giant. He is most well known for turning Chili's Grill and Bar restaurant from a string of local restaurants into a national chain owned by Brinker International. Brinker's illustrious restaurant career began in my Dallas area district in 1965, opening Brink's Coffee Shop, and I am deeply saddened by the loss of someone so influential to the history of the city.

In his time in the restaurant industry, Mr. Brinker has changed American casual dining, while touching the lives of many in the restaurant industry. At one time or another, essentially every major restaurant chain in the country had as its leader a former employee of Brinker.

Aside from his commitment to the restaurant industry, Mr. Brinker also served as a board member and important counsel for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

Mr. Brinker's legacy stands as a testament to interaction with the local community, and a foresight for changes in the restaurant community that would remain for years to come. I ask my fellow members of Congress to join me in honoring Norman Brinker and his impact both in the Dallas area and nationwide.

## RECOGNIZING MASSACHUSETTS FOR RESOLUTION

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, as the House is soon to consider comprehensive climate change legislation, I would like to illustrate how individual states stand ready to lead the effort to combat global warming and are willing to take extremely ambitious and necessary stands. On March 12th, my home state of Massachusetts passed a resolution committing to re-power America with 100 percent clean electricity in the next ten years. The resolution was successful in large part because of the tireless efforts of Massachusetts Power Shift, a grassroots organization of climate advocates. Global warming is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It's a very real crisis that requires American leadership. This is not a political issue; this is a critical generational responsibility that will take a commitment from every American. The renewable technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and move towards energy independence exist; the societal will and desire to go green have been demonstrated; and the political climate to finally create sound public policy to do so is now present. Re-powering America with clean energy will create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions—the clearest solution to preserving our natural treasures for future generations. I am proud to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and congratulate its legislature for such a resolution.

## CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF STEPHEN TYRONE JOHNS

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to share in the nation's shock, outrage, and sorrow at the tragic shooting today at the U.S. Holocaust Museum here in Washington. My heart and prayers go out to the family of the young security guard, Stephen Tyrone Johns, who was killed in this senseless crime.

Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG, who serves on the board for the museum, noted the irony that this hateful act took place in this beautiful, peaceful place; a sort of thoughtful sanctuary dedicated to ensuring that the evil of the Holocaust never again gains a foothold on this earth. How right he is. How many times must this museum serve to teach the world about the horrible power of hate?

Earlier this week, this body considered two resolutions, one condemning the killing of Dr. George Tiller and one condemning the killing of Army Private William Long and the wounding of Army Private Quinton Ezeagwula. Like today's killing, these acts were simply reprehensible. The taking of innocent life cannot be justified.

Our society has traveled down a road that should never have been trodden. Human life has been devalued. Violence has been glorified. The gift of living has lost its meaning. In accepting his Nobel Prize, Dr. Martin Luther King said, "Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love." As a people, we must promote life, we must celebrate this miracle. And, as a Congress, we must lead the way with laws that protect all, particularly the most vulnerable amongst us, and that encourage loving, life-affirming ways.

## 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF EQUAL PAY ACT

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the anniversary of an important milestone in our American history.

Today marks the 46th anniversary of the passage of the Equal Pay Act.

In 1963, Congress passed the Equal Pay Act to prohibit employers from wage discrimination on the basis of someone's sex.

This groundbreaking shift was a game-changer for women who were before, and in many places still are, treated as unequals in the workplace.

It was important to level the playing field.

It was important to provide equal pay for equal work.

And it's important for us today to remember that we need more game-changers—that there are more wrongs to right, and that there are inequalities and injustices to remedy.

That those things over which we have no control—our race, our gender, our sexual orientation, our disabilities—should not divide us